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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW CEMA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE USSR

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1. DURING FEB 27 CONVERATION OFFICER OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON CEMA MATTERS MENTIONED FOLLOWING AS BEING UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE NEW CEMA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN USSR.

A) CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE-DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM ORENBURG TO WESTERN FRONTIERS OF USSR AND INTO EASTERN EUROPE;
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B) DEVELOPMENT OF NICKEL DEPOSITS NEAR NORILSK, AND/OR
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NICKEL DEPOSITS IN CUBA;

C) DEVELOPMENT OF IRON ORE DEPOSITS AT KURSK, WITH OR
WITHOUT FRG ASSISTANCE.

2. COMMENT: POSSIBILITY OF CEMA COUNTRY INVESTMENT IN
ORENBURG NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IS MENTIONED BY CEMA SECRETARY
GENERAL FADEEV IN ARTICLE IN FEB 20 ISSUE OF IZVESTIYA.
LATE IN JANUARY EMBASSY REPORTED (REFTEL) THAT FRG-SOVIET
NEGOTIATIONS ON FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
KURSK STEEL COMPLEX BY FRG FIRMS WERE STILL STALLED ON
ISSUE OF INTEREST RATE FOR CREDITS. WE UNDERSTAND THIS
A MAJOR ITEM ON AGENDA FOR TALKS NOW TAKING PLACE IN MOSCOW
BETWEEN FRG MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO EGON BAHR AND SOVIET
LEADERSHIP.
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